closure of loss incurring public sector undertakings which arc a burden on the public exchequer;

(b) if so, what are the details of the public sector undertakings which are likely to be closed; and

(c) if not, how does Government propose to make these units viable?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY {SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) and (b) Government have not adopted any general policy on the closure of public sector undertakings incurring losses. Such a course of action is taken by the concerned administrative Ministry/Department on a case to case basis.

(c) Various measures are taken to improve profitability like change in product-mix-technology upgradation, improved maintenanoc management practices, energy conservation, modernisation and rehabilitation, organisational restructuring etc.

Agitation by medical representatives of IDPL

809. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the medical representatives working in I.D.P.L. have been agitating against the alleged corruption and inefficiency existing at the higher and middle management levels in the company and;

(b) if so, what are the specific allegations and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b) Some medical representatives of IDPL have made certain allegations against the management of the company.

The allegations include corruption in the matter of transactions with Karnataka ESIC, use of agents by the Company for its institutional business, illegal manufacture of 'IDISULES' and getting drug formulations made by some other company.

The allegation regarding corruption in the matter of purchase of drugs by Karnataka ESIC is under investigation by the C. B. I. According to IDPL, the company has been having agents for over a decade for its institutional sales, which is also the practice in the industry as well as the other public sector companies.

Improvement of Airport Infrastructure

810. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite according of priority to airline fleet upgradation, growth in airport and air route infrastructural facilities, there is still a wide gap in these areas due to the increase in air traffic and transport;

(b) whether Government have taken or propose to take any steps to keep pace with the increasing requirements to improve the airport infrastructure; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AR1F MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Modernisation of equipment and upgradation of facilities at airports either by replacement of old technology equipment or by provision of new facilities is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depending upon